



Docket No. 4056-4000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Adam Roth, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2655

Serial No.: 09/709,659

Examiner: Daniel A. Nolan

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For: ELECTRONIC MAIL METHOD AND SYSTEM USING ASSOCIATED  
AUDIO AND VISUAL TECHNIQUES

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

**(Expedited Procedure)**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003, in which pending claims 1 – 93 were subject to a Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit the following. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the time for responding until April 14, 2003 (as April 12, 2003 falls on a Saturday).

**The Examiner's Restriction Requirement**

In the Official Action, restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is required to one of the following groups of inventions:

- I. Claim 1 – 15, 30 – 44, 59 – 73, 88, 90 and 92, drawn to Speech Signal Processing, Synthesis, Image to Speech, classified in class 704, subclass 260; and
- II. Claims 16 – 29, 45 – 58, 74 – 87, 89, 91 and 93, drawn to Speech Signal Processing, Recognition, Speech to Image, classified in class 704, subclass 235.

Applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect without traverse to pursue prosecution of Examiner's Group I, claims 1 – 15, 30 – 44, 59 – 73, 88, 90 and 92. Applicants respectfully request that claims ~~16~~ – 29, 45 – 58, 74 – 87, 89, 91 and 93 be cancelled.

If any issues exist, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representatives at the number below.

**Authorization**

The Applicants believe that no fee is due in this matter; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4056-4000.

In the event that an extension of time in addition to that requested in an accompanying Petition For An Extension Of Time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a Petition For Extension Of Time that may be required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 13-4500, Order No. 4056-4000. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: April 14, 2003

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